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LOK SABHA

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ISSUANCE OF IDENTITY CARD
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is formulating a scheme to issue the national citizenship card in order to face safety challenges and to check infiltration into the country as reported in Rashtriya Sahara dated August 24, 2005;

(b) if so, whether such identity cards will be issued to all the citizens in all the States;

(c) whether State have been selected for issuance of such cards in the first phase;

(d) whether issue of such cards will help in bringing down infiltration into the country; and

(e) the time by which this scheme is likely to be started?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) to e): The Government proposes to issue Multipurpose National Identity Card to the citizens of the Country. However, keeping in view the complexities involved both of the processes and technology, a Pilot Project is under implementation on an experimental basis in selected sub-districts of 12 States and 1 Union Territory. The Government proposes to implement the scheme in the entire Country after taking into account the experiences gained and lessons learnt from the Pilot Project.

The Project envisages providing unique National Identity Number (NIN) to each person in the National Population Register. This will put in place a credible individual identification system which will help in improving the security management in the Country.